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**From:** Dunn, Stephanie [DunnS@co.cowlitz.wa.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2008 3:50 PM  
**To:** Moeller, Rep. Jim  
**Subject:** FW: Veterans Assistance

Representative Moeller and Maureen:

Listed below are the answers to your specific questions. If you have any other questions, please contact me.

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**From:** Orlandini, Anthony [mailto:Orlandini.Anthony@leg.wa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2008 11:51 AM  
**To:** Cowlitz  
**Subject:** Veterans Assistance

Hello Ms. Dunn,

My name is Anthony Orlandini, I am contacting you from the Office of State Representative Jim Moeller. I am putting together a research project and was hoping you could clarify some questions about your counties veterans assistance for me.

2007 Budget

What is your operating budget and the total amount of funds allocated to the Indigent Veterans Fund?

**Total - \$44,594**

Vets Relief - \$30,000

Administration - \$4,274

Posts Rent - \$10,320

What is the total amount paid directly to Veterans?

Actuals:

2007 - \$26,087

2006 - \$28,980

2005 - \$36,623

2004 - \$49,840

2003 - \$26,323

How much of the budget is being used for administration costs? \$4,274

Other costs? Posts Rent - \$10,320

Are you making use of the Indigent Veterans Fund? Yes. The Commissioners also made a commitment again to fund a match to a grant for purchasing a replacement van for medical transport of veterans to the Vancouver and Portland hospitals. \$13,500

Are you getting requests for funding from the Indigent Veterans Fund and who is processing those requests? Cowlitz County Veterans Association has a screening committee who meets with the applicants, then forwards the applications to the Cowlitz County Commissioners Office for the Commissioners Administrative Coordinator/Veterans Relief Coordinator to verify and process the applications. (Cowlitz County Commissioners and the Cowlitz County Veterans Association have an MOU outlining the services that are covered under the fund and for the CCVA to supply the screening committee.)

Does your county have a Veterans Advisory Committee? Yes - the Veterans Advisory Board is made up of 5 members who makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on budget and programs to assist veterans.

Do you have an inter-local agreement to provide services for veterans with any other counties or programs? Not any other counties, but the CCVA has an inter-local with the City of Longview's Housing